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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-6-2008

SPONSOR Carraro LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Veterans' Affairs Oversight Committee SM 23

ANALYST Dearing

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY08	FY09	FY10	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		*\$.01	*\$.01	*\$.01	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Veterans' Services Department (VSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 23 carries no appropriation. Senate Memorial 23 resolves that the New Mexico Legislative Council create an interim Veterans' Affairs Oversight Committee to review veterans' issues among state agencies, review statute, review needs and trends and compare against services provided by state, federal, and tribal governments. Lastly the memorial resolves that the committee should make recommendations for legislative initiatives, including a preliminary deliverable of legislative recommendations prior to November 30, 2008.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Memorial 23 implies increased fiscal obligations due to per diem and travel costs of interim members. The memorial does not identify the intended number of participating legislative members, nor a minimum/maximum number of interim meetings. Due these unknowns, the additional estimated budget impact is unknown *and positive*.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Creation of an interim Veterans' Affairs Oversight Committee could increase legislative coverage and understanding of timely veteran issues.

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